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**The McCarran Investigation
Of United Nations Employees**

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The tragic suicide of Abraham H. Feller, general counsel to the United Nations, points up a situation that news emanating from the McCarran Committee investigations of the U. S. secretariat has not mentioned.

That is the international character of United Nations.

Of necessity, United Nations secretariats require employees speaking many languages familiar with all parts of the world, and with myriad backgrounds.

The McCarran Committee found one young lady who acquired a Soviet citizenship without leaving the country and while working for the U. S. delegation. Another employee admitted being a former Communist.

Sounds bad, eh?

Yes and no.

Both may be Communists. By the same token both may be working for General Becht Smith, head of Central Intelligence, or J. Edgar Hoover, of the FBI. You never know at United Nations, where the talk is of mutual understanding and the intrigue is baffling.

One thing can be said with certainty, and that is that if a young woman of Russian leanings was found at UN in the United States employ she was there for a purpose. Those people are meticulously checked. That I know. Pat McCarran did not walk in and find a Communist nest running wild. We are not that dumb.

In United Nations the Communists have as much right as we have. All 60 nations are on equal footing. The Americans and Russians are forever jockeying for position. Every diplomatic trick, every method of intrigue is used.

I get the impression from reading Senator McCarran's statements that he really feels every employee of the U. S. at UN should be a graduate of Nevada State, with a degree in animal husbandry. The atmosphere there is too polyglot—too cosmopolitan.

In commenting on the suicide of Mr. Feller, Trygvie Lie, resigned secretary general, blamed his nervous condition on the questioning of the McCarran Committee. This was indignantly denied by the committee counsel, Robert Morris, who said the dead man was not questioned personally and that there had never been any intention to do so. He had been called into a conference, along with Byron Price, assistant general secretary of United Nations, and other officials to inquire about employees and their backgrounds.

It is being recalled that Mr. Feller was a friend of Alger Hiss. If that is a reason for suicide, the major part of the membership of the United States Supreme Court can be expected to jump out a window at any time.

From his record and reputation, Abraham Feller was an extremely hard worker and a sensitive man. He was highly regarded by everyone who knew his ability. He had been depressed for weeks, he was devoted to Mr. Lie and felt badly about his resignation. And then along came Pat McCarran—who would give any man, without a hide thinner than a hippopotamus the screaming meemies, and his breakdown was complete.

This illustrates the danger of the witch-burning technique in conducting public hearings on Communism.

Certainly the search for Reds in government must continue.

But I have always preferred the methods used by J. Edgar Hoover. He traces them down, gets all the facts and when the case is complete there is an arrest.

A Congressional Committee caught Alger Hiss on perjury.

Hoover has caught all the other Communists quietly, without fanfare, or headlines.